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1. PRESIDENT KAUNDA RETURNED AFTERNOON MARCH 8 FROM 17-DAY TRIP WHICH TOOK HIM TO CHINA, PAKISTAN, SAUDIA ARABIA, EGYPT AND SUDAN.

2. DURING WELCOMING CEREMONY AT AIRPORT PRESIDENT MADE ONLY BRIEF REMARKS, SAYING RECEPTION IN ALL COUNTRIES HAD BEEN "FANTASTIC" AND ZAMBIA IS BOUND TO BENEFIT FROM THE EXPERIENCE. SCHEDULED PRESS CONFIRERENCE WAS NOT HELD.

3. AT NAKATINDI HALL EVENING RECEPTION, SECRETARY GENERAL ZULU WELCOMED PRESIDENT'S RETURN, SAYING THIS EVIDENCE OF CLOSER GRZ-PRC RELATIONS WAS DISTURBING TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN RACIST REGIMES WHICH MISTAKENLY RECEIVED IT AS THREAT RATHER THAN SIGN OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDEPENDENCE. IN ONLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PUBLIC CLUE YET OF SPECIFIC MATERIAL RESULTS OF TRIP, ZULU

REFERRED WITHOUT DETAIL TO AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION SIGNED IN PEKING AND TO LOAN GRANTED TO ZAMBIA. SAID SERENJI-SAMFYA ROAD BEGUN IN 1965 WOULD NOW BECOME A REALITY (A MAJOR STEP IN OPENING UP LUAPULA PROVINCE).

4. IN REPLY TO ZULU, KAUNDA SPOKE PARTICULARLY ABOUT "SPECTACULAR" CHINESE ATTAINMENTS IN AGRICULTURE AND OF INCREDIBLE MOBILIZATION OF HUMAN AND MATERIAL RESOURCES. KAUNDA ESPECIALLY IMPRESSED WITH CHINESE IRRIGATION ACHIEVEMENTS AND GAVE HINT OF POSSIBLE HELP TO ZAMBIA IN HARNESSING ITS RIVERS FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. FEEDING 800 MILLION PEOPLE IS "GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT BY MAN IN THIS CENTURY." CHINA IN POSITION MAKE LOANS TO LDC'S BECAUSE IT ABLE ORGANIZE ITS AGRICULTURE SO WELL. CHINESE DO NOT BELIEVE IN GOD BUT THEY DO GOD'S WORK BETTER THAN MANY CHRISTIANS. KAUNDA SAID HE WAS A CONFIRMED CHRISTIAN AND HUMANIST AND WOULD DIE ONE, NOT A COMMUNIST.

5. MRS. KAUNDA HAS REMAINED BEHIND IN CHINA WITH CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS MRS. CHIKESA KANKASA AND MISS PETRONELA KAWANDAMI OSTENSIBLY TO STUDY ROLE OF WOMEN IN POLITICAL LIFE AND ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN'S BRIGADES IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. MINISTER OF COMMERCE KUNDA ALSO REMAINED ON TRADE MATTERS AND IS TO BE JOINED BY A ZAMBIAN TRADE MISSION THIS WEEK. WILKOWSKI

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